1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 8 AT SEATTLE 9 CASE NO. C22-0943JLR MYRIAM ZAYAS, 10 Plaintiff, ORDER OF REFERENCE 11 v. 12 BRITTANY RAMOS, et al., 13 Defendants. 14 15 This action is assigned to the Honorable James L. Robart, United States District Judge. The court has reviewed the complaint (Compl. (Dkt. # 5)) and concludes that it is 16 related to Zayas v. Department of Children, Youth & Families, No. C20-0981JLR-TLF 17 18 (W.D. Wash.), which the court referred to Magistrate Judge Theresa L. Fricke. Therefore, in order to ensure as much consistency as possible and to conserve judicial 19 20 resources, the court enters an order of reference in this matter. All future documents filed 21 in this case must bear the cause number C22-0943JLR-TLF. The court has reviewed the 22

files and records herein and determined that certain pretrial matters are appropriate to refer to a Magistrate Judge as described below.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A) and Local Rule MJR 3, the court hereby refers to Magistrate Judge Theresa L. Fricke all motions to amend or supplement the pleadings under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15, and all motions related to discovery disputes, including but not limited to motions to compel discovery, motions for a protective order related to discovery, and motions related to issues of privilege. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A); Local Rules W.D. Wash. MJR 3(a). Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 72(a) governs any objections to Magistrate Judge Theresa L. Fricke's rulings concerning the above-described discovery motions. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(a); Local Rules W.D. Wash. MJR 3(b).

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and (C) and Local Rule MJR 4, the court also hereby refers to Magistrate Judge Theresa L. Fricke for preparation of a report and recommendation all motions (1) for a temporary restraining order pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(b); ¹ (2) for judgment on the pleadings pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(c); (3) to dismiss pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b); and (4) for a default judgment pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 55(b). *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B); Local Rules W.D. Wash. MJR(a)(3). Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 72(b) governs any further proceedings in this court after Magistrate Judge

¹ For motions for a temporary restraining order, Magistrate Judge Theresa L. Fricke is authorized to prepare the order as recommended for the undersigned's signature.

Theresa L. Fricke files a report and recommendation. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b); Local Rules W.D. Wash. MJR 4(c). Accordingly, the court ORDERS that the above-entitled action is referred to Magistrate Judge Theresa L. Fricke for the specific purposes and types of motions described herein. The court further DIRECTS and EMPOWERS Magistrate Judge Theresa L. Fricke to conduct hearings and make further necessary orders consistent with 28 U.S.C. § 636, the local rules, and this order. Dated this 8th day of July, 2022. C. Plut JAMÉS L. ROBART United States District Judge